

# NEWS and NOTES

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### ALAMEDA

Announcement of the award of a \$300 nurses' training scholarship to Shirley Van Ness, a student at Castlemont High School, was made recently by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Alameda County Medical Association. The scholarship was offered by the auxiliary as a part of its intensive program to stimulate interest in nursing as a profession. In an effort to help overcome the shortage of nurses, the auxiliary has also sponsored a poster contest in Alameda County schools to emphasize the attractiveness of nursing, and has arranged for speakers to address girls of high school age on the subject.

### CONTRA COSTA

In the June issue of CALIFORNIA MEDICINE it was erroneously reported that Dr. Edwin W. Merrithew was to retire as county health director on July 1. Actually his retirement was from the position of county physician and medical director of the county hospital. He did not serve as county health director.

### DEL NORTE

The Humboldt County Health Department has extended its service to Del Norte County under an agreement with the board of supervisors of the latter. The agreement provides that the Humboldt department will extend its facilities to Del Norte County, which will pay a percentage of the expenses based on county population. Dr. Kenneth W. Hawthorth, with headquarters in Eureka, will serve as physician for both counties.

### LOS ANGELES

Sharing in new grants-in-aid totalling \$16,000 awarded by the National Vitamin Foundation to support researches, is the University of Southern California Medical School. The grant is to assist Dr. E. Geiger, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, in investigations to determine the effects of time elements on the utilization of water soluble vitamins.

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The mid-winter conference on Microscopic Tumor Pathology will be held Sunday, November 21, at the Los Angeles County General Hospital. Dr. A. Purdy Stout, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, will be chairman of the conference, and Dr. Louisa Keasbey, secretary. Dr. Keasbey will contact pathologists in California for cases for the conference. Reservations should be made with her at 1200 North State Street, Los Angeles 33.

Dr. Stout will also appear on the program of the refresher course at the Los Angeles County General Hospital on November 22-23. Dr. Justin Stein, 1407 South Hope Street in Los Angeles, is chairman of the committee that will have charge of the arrangements for the refresher course.

### MERCED

The City of Los Banos in Merced County recently made arrangements to have its public health service requirements taken over by the County Health department. Formerly the town had its own health service under the supervision of Dr. L. R. Hillyer.

### SAN BERNARDINO

The City of San Bernardino has set up a full-time health department with Dr. Warren Fox, formerly health officer of Riverside County, as director. Until the department began operating on a full-time basis, Dr. Finnis E. Wiggins was part-time health officer for the city. Dr. Robert S. Westphal, former deputy city health officer of Rochester, N. Y., has been appointed to the county post vacated by Dr. Fox.

### SAN FRANCISCO

A gift of \$41,000 for a fellowship in ophthalmology has been received by Stanford University from Upsilon chapter of the Delta Gamma sorority. Mrs. David Packard, president of the Stanford Delta Gamma Association, said that the money represented proceeds of the sale of the sorority house following dissolution of Stanford sororities in 1944.

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Dr. Emile Holman, professor of surgery at Stanford University Medical School, was elected second vice-president of the American Surgical Association at a recent meeting.

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With the opening of a ward for patients offering themselves for research in cancer in the Laguna Honda Home operated by the San Francisco Health Department, the University of California Laboratory for Experimental Oncology has gone into full operation.

A four point program of the laboratory includes the study of electronic characteristics of normal and malignant growth; investigation of the nature of changes in the whole body brought about by cancer; the experimental chemical treatment of cancer with new agents; and a fundamental study of the characteristics of human malignant tissue. Work at the laboratory is under the direction of Dr. Michael Shimkin, professor of experimental oncology, and he is assisted by Dr. Howard R. Bierman, associate professor of experimental oncology.

The laboratory is a cooperative venture of the University's Medical School and the National Cancer Institute, financed by the U. S. Public Health Service. It was established in January, 1947.

### STANISLAUS

A report on findings in gynecological researches was given by Dr. Daniel G. Morton, associate professor of gynecology at the University of California Medical School, at a recent meeting of the Stanislaus County Medical Society in Modesto. In a business session at the same meeting, Dr. Richard Husband was appointed as the society's advisor to the Omega Nu sorority to assist the sorority in the distribution of funds its has collected to aid handicapped persons in the community.

### TEHAMA

Dr. James Faulkner recently replaced Dr. O. T. Wood as health officer for the City of Red Bluff.

### GENERAL

Among appropriations for the University of California building program by the 1948 legislature were \$500,000 for

a virus laboratory at Berkeley and a \$5,000,000 for Medical School expansion at Los Angeles.

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The 16th annual meeting of the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists will be held in Denver, September 23, 24 and 25, 1948.

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The first annual meeting of the American Association of Blood Banks will be held August 26, 27, and 28, at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y. Further information may be obtained from the office of the secretary, 3301 Junius Street, Dallas 1, Texas.

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The Surgeon General of the Navy has announced the expansion of the professional training program for reserve and regular medical officers to permit more Navy doctors to meet the requirements of certification by the various American Specialty Boards, and to encourage the young doctor to intern under the auspices of the Navy. Graduates of Class A medical schools who have been accepted for internship by a hospital approved for such training by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the A.M.A. may be commissioned as Lieutenants (junior grade) and permitted to continue their intern training. After completing their internships, the medical officers must remain on active duty for a period of one year. If they meet the professional, physical and moral requirements, they will be encouraged to transfer to the regular Navy.

Resident physicians now in civilian hospitals, or those accepted for approved residency training, are eligible for commissions in the regular Navy. Those so commissioned will be assigned to duty, with full pay and allowances, in the hospital in which they are already a resident or to which they have been accepted for residency training.

Information concerning any part of the program may be obtained by writing to the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

The American Congress of Physical Medicine will hold its 26th annual scientific and clinical session September 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 inclusive, at the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C. All sessions will be open to members of the medical profession in good standing with the American Medical Association. In addition to the scientific sessions, the annual instruction courses will be held September 7, 8, 9 and 10. Full information may be obtained by writing to the American Congress of Physical Medicine, 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 2, Illinois.

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The American College of Physicians announces that a limited number of fellowships in medicine will be available from July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950. These fellowships are designed to provide an opportunity for research training either in the basic medical sciences or in the application of these sciences to clinical investigation. They are for the benefit of physicians who are in the early stages of their preparation for a teaching and investigative career in internal medicine. The stipend will be from \$2,200 to \$3,200.

Application forms are obtainable from The American College of Physicians, 4200 Pine Street, Philadelphia 4, Pa., and must be submitted in duplicate not later than November 1, 1948. Announcement of the awards will be made as promptly as is possible.

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Grants of more than \$121,000 in Federal funds for research in cancer, allotted among the University of California, Stanford University and the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles, were approved last month by the Advisory Cancer Council and the U. S. Public Health Service. The University of California Medical School in San Francisco received \$85,064, Stanford University \$11,134, the College of Medical Evangelists \$17,419, the University of California in San Francisco \$5,535 and the University of California at Berkeley \$3,419.

